House Resolution No. 151

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State sports teams which bring honor and glory to this state through the excellence of their training, cooperation, professionalism, and accomplishments in their chosen fields of competitive endeavor and which admirably have a tremendously positive impact on this state's economy and the justifiable pride of its citizenry; and

Whereas, the Saint Louis Rams have effectively proven again that they are a top performing professional football team by winning all but two games during 2001-2002 regular season play; and

Whereas, lest there be any doubt in anyone's mind, Rams players drove home their hard-fought status by earning the George S. Halas Trophy on Sunday, January 27, 2002, when they became NFC Champions by overcoming a 17-13 halftime deficit to defeat the Philadelphia Eagles 29 to 24 at the Edward Jones Dome in St. Louis; and

Whereas, truly a team effort with exemplary contributions from all Defensive and Offensive players, the Rams' victory over the Eagles provided the opportunity for Marshall Faulk to run for 159 yards and two touchdowns, Kurt Warner to complete 22 passes for 212 yards, Isaac Bruce to catch 8 passes for 84 yards and a touchdown, and Aeneas Williams to secure the victory with a thrilling interception late in the physically and emotionally grueling game; and

Whereas, the Rams are counting on a reprise of their 1999 Super Bowl victory over the Tennessee Titans when the Saint Louis team and tens of thousands of fans arrive in New Orleans on Sunday, February 3, 2002, for Super Bowl XXXVI against the New England Patriots, a team which the Rams previously humbled by a score of 24-17 on November 18, 2001 in Foxboro, Massachusetts:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-first General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the spectacular regular season enjoyed by the Saint Louis Rams and to convey to all involved with the team, including owner Georgia Frontiere, coaches, players, and managerial staff, this legislative body's heartiest congratulations at earning the title of NFC Champions and our best wishes for a capstone victory as they proceed to Super Bowl XXXVI competition; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for the St. Louis Rams.

Ninety-first General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 151, adopted January 30, 2002.

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